

## Message Text

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SUBJ: FRG AGREES TO WP TANK FIGURE; UK STILL HOLDS TO CURRENT  
FORMULATION FOR TOTAL PACT FORCES

REF: BONN 16014

1. DURING MORNING NOV 8, MISSION CONTACTED FRG DEL TO INQUIRE WHETHER IT HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS ON WP TANK FIGURE. WE RECEIVED RESPONSE THAT INSTRUCTIONS HAD NOW BEEN RECEIVED; THAT FRG COULD AGREE TO 15,500 AS FIGURE FOR WP TANK HOLDINGS; THAT THERE WOULD BE A FOOTNOTE INDICATING THAT THIS FIGURE DID NOT INCLUDE TANKS IN STORAGE WHICH ALLIED TANL FIGURE OF 6,000 DID NOT; AND THAT FRG REP WOULD RESPOND TO THIS EFFECT IN SPC IF ASKED.

2. US REP THEREUPON PUT QUESTION TO FRG REP DURING NOV 8 SPC MEETING, WHO REPLIED THAT FRG, WHILE NOT HAPPY ABOUT ACCEPTING IT, WOULD "GO ALONG WITH" 15,500 FIGURE FOR WP TANKS. HE DID NOT, RPT NOT, MENTION FOOTNOTE.

3. IN RENEWED EFFORT TO RESOLVE CURRENT UNSATISFACTORY FIRMULATION OF "SOMETHING OVER 900,000" FOR TOTAL WP MANPOWER FIGURE, US REP ASKED UK REP (LOGAN) IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION WHETHER UK POSITION ON THIS ISSUE HAD CHANGED. UK REP SAID IT HAD NOT; ALL THAT WAS REQUIRED, HOWEVER, WAS FOR US TO SHOW HOW FIGURE WAS ARRIVED AT AND UK WOULD PROBABLY GO ALONG. COMMENT: BALL IS NOW SECRET

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BACK IN MBFR WORKING GROUP YARD WHERE WE WILL HAVE TO SHOW EXPLICITLY HOW PROPOSED US FIGURE OF 925,000 WAS DEVELOPED (DETAILS AND COMMENT SEPTEL). END COMMENT  
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